Setting up of a spinning mill in Orissa

*320. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the Government of Orissa for the grant of licence to set up Kesenga Spinning Mills in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The application has been rejected on locational considerations.

UN assistance for combating drug trafficking

†1945. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations has recently assured India of financial and technical assistance in combating the spread of drug trafficking and addiction in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the manner in which Government propose to utilise the said assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Visit of the U.N. team to India from 13th to 17th October, 1986 was intended to increase co-operation between U.N. Fund for Drug Abuse Control and Government of India and to, *inter alia*, explore the possibility of providing assistance to India's ongoing activities in the area of drug abuse prevention. Talks held with the Indian authorities concerned were of preliminary nature and no commitment was made by the U.N. team with regard to nature or extent of assistance.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1142, transferred from the 14th November, 1986.

Synthetic spinning mill at Phulbani

†1946. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an application for grant of an Industrial Licence for a synthetic spinning mill at Phulbani in Orissa has been submitted to Government of India by the Orissa Government; and

(b) if so, by when the Industrial Licence is likely to be granted and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government have granted two Letters of Intent against applications received from Phulbani Coop. Synthetic Spinning Mills Ltd. and Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. for setting up synthetic spinning mills at Tehsil Phulbani and Tehsil Boud, both in Distt. Phulbani in Orissa. Action for convertion of these letters of intent into Industrial licences has to be taken by these parties.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1321, transferred from the 17th November, 1986.